

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4, 7 and 9-16 without prejudice.

- 1           1. (*Amended*) A combination carabiner and tool device comprising:
- 2           a curvilinear body [defining a prolate openable loop] having an elongated handle [region,
- 3           an upper loop region and a lower loop region] member with a first end and a second end, an
- 4           upper arm member integrally attached at the first end, and a lower arm member integrally
- 5           attached to the second end of said handle member;
- 6           [said curvilinear body having] an elongated storage slot [portion in] disposed within the
- 7           handle [region] member;
- 8           [at least one tool] a knife blade pivotally mounted at [one] the first end [to move] of the
- 9           handle member, said blade pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot
- 10          [portion] and a closed position within the storage slot [portion]; and
- 11          a gate element [connected to the curvilinear body in the lower loop region] connecting
- 12          said upper arm member and said lower arm member, said gate element being pivotally mounted
- 13          to move between an open position and a closed position, wherein the curvilinear body and gate
- 14          element [forming a closed loop] define a prolate opening when the gate element is in the closed
- 15          position.

1           2. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2   a locking [mechanism capable of] pin assembly for releasably locking [at least one tool] said  
3   knife blade in the open position.

1           3. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [1] 2, [including a] said  
2   locking pin assembly [comprising] comprises:

3           a head which protrudes through a slot in the body and contacts an elongated shaft;  
4           the elongated shaft formed of [two parts,] a lesser diameter shaft portion and a greater  
5   diameter shaft portion;

6           the greater diameter shaft portion having a cross-sectional area sufficient to substantially  
7   fill an arcuate slot in the blade; and

8           a coil spring in contact at a first end with the elongated shaft and at a second end with  
9   the body.

1           5. (Amended) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim [4] 1,  
2   wherein [the] said knife blade has a projecting thumb ridge [for manipulation of] to facilitate in  
3   manipulating the knife [in opening and closing relative to the storage slot] blade between the  
4   open position and the closed position.

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1           8. (*Amended*) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2   a folding can opener [as a tool] pivotally mounted [in the slot portion] at the first end of the  
3   handle member adjacent said knife blade.

1           17. (*Amended*) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including  
2   an external cutout with a lip in the lower [loop region] arm member for opening capped bottles.

1           18. (*Amended*) The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1,  
2   [including a locking feature for the] said gate element [when in] includes means for locking the  
3   gate elemeny in the closed position.

Please add the following claims:

1           --19. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, including at least  
2   one tool pivotally mounted at the second end of the handle member, said at least one tool  
3   pivoting between an extended open position outside the storage slot and a closed position within  
4   the storage slot.

1           20. The combination carabiner and tool device according to claim 1, wherein said at least  
2   one tool is selected from the group consisting of a knife blade, a can open, a bottle cap opener,  
3   a Phillips screwdriver, a flat head screwdriver, a saw, an Allen wrench, a pair of scissors, a  
4   claw-shaped ripping hook tool, a pair of pliers, and combinations thereof.--